

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23-30 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on June 1, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the claims for failure to list claim 5.

Applicant submits herewith claim 5 as originally submitted and submits that claim 5 was never cancelled, but omitted in the previous amendment due to a typographical error.

Further, the Examiner has rejected independent claims 3, 6, 8, and 17 (and dependent claims 27 and 29) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant submits that claims 3, 6, 8, and 17, satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion of adding "or the normalization processing condition directly in association with the normalization processing means" to the independent claims 3, 6, 8, and 17 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 27 and 29 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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